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SUBJ: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL

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1. EMBASSY JUST INFORMED BY PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT (PSD) THAT GOM WILL NOT NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM THIS YEAR, QUOTE IN VIEW OF RECENT COURSE HELD BY DEA IN KUALA LUMPUR UNQUOTE. FYI: DEA TWO WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL HERE CONCLUDED JAN 23. END FYI. PSD DID SAY THEY WILL BE INTERESTED IN EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM NEXT YEAR.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT GOM FAILURE APPOINT CANDIDATE FOR THIS COURSE IS DUE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AS OUTLINED IN FIRST REFTEL. ALTHOUGH CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM WOULD HAVE BEEN AT LEVEL HIGHER THAN PARTICIPANTS IN RECENT COURSE HERE (EMBA BY HAD SUGGESTED TO PSD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CID), AUSTERITY PROGRAM STILL A FACTOR IN NARCOTICS TRAINING. WE DO NOT CONSIDER FAILURE TO APPOINT CANDIDATE A SIGN OF LESSENERED RESOLVE ON PART OF GOM TO DEAL WITH NARCOTICS PROBLEM. ON CONTRARY ALL RECENT OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON DRUG ISSUE, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF LAW MINISTER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL TAN SRI KADIR YUSOF, POINT TO ACUTE AWARENESS AND CONCERN. FOR EXAMPLE, AT CLOSING OF RECENT DEA COURSE, KADIR CALLED DRUG

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TRAFFICKING "WORST SORT OF CRIME" AND "MURDER

TO SOCIETY," AND VOWED: "IF THE PRESENT PUNISHMENT
IS NOT SUFFICIENT I WILL INCREASE THE PENALTIES
FOR THE SMALL PEDDLERS. IF NECESSARY I WILL ASK
FOR THE DEATH PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF A CERTAIN

AMOUNT OF DRUGS."
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